

## SENATE RESOLUTION 21

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend R. E. Linkous upon his induction as a member of the Society of Entrepreneurs.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mr. R. E. Linkous, who was recently honored with membership in the Society of Entrepreneurs; Mr. Linkous is a longtime Memphis resident, a business executive, and a civic leader who has made an enormous contribution to the Memphis community; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1991, the Society of Entrepreneurs fosters the development of the entrepreneurial spirit and recognizes the contribution of entrepreneurs to business and the community; chosen annually by their peers, members are deemed to have exhibited the Society's valued characteristics of self direction, leadership, personal integrity, determination, creativity, and the ability to transform a vision into a dynamic business achievement; and

WHEREAS, evincing the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors, Mr. Linkous is highly respected in his industry for his exceptional work as founder and president of Linkous Construction Co., Inc., one of the largest general contracting firms in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, enjoying a long and successful career in the construction industry, Mr. Linkous, a native of Blacksburg, Virginia, grew up in a family of general contractors and figured out early that he was destined for a career in construction; he began his esteemed career as an estimator with a commercial construction company in Washington; moving to Memphis to build multi-family structures, he accepted the post of vice president with Vanco Construction Services, overseeing the company's Mid-South operations; and

WHEREAS, listening to his entrepreneurial spirit and following his dream, Mr. Linkous left the comfort and stability of his corporate post and founded Linkous Construction Co., Inc., in 1983. With hard work and dedication, he built the company into one of the most recognized and respected construction companies in the region; Linkous Construction Co., Inc., is responsible for building over forty million square feet of commercial, industrial, and institutional projects; and

WHEREAS, one of the best examples of successful entrepreneurship, Mr. Linkous is known for his unquestionable integrity, strong work ethic, solid workmanship, sound business practices, and ability to overcome any challenge; this recipe for success has garnered him a sterling reputation for producing top results; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure in the construction industry, R. E. Linkous has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, in the realm of civic accomplishments, Mr. Linkous is noted for his support of numerous community projects and charitable organizations; Linkous Construction Co., Inc., has donated materials, labor, services, and sponsorship for such charities and organizations as: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Habitat for Humanity, Christian Brothers High School, Memphis Literacy Council, Southwest Community College, University of Memphis, Boy Scouts of America, Epilepsy Foundation of West Tennessee, and Young Life Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Linkous is an extremely giving person who reaches out with compassion to all people, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Mr. R. E. Linkous for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee, congratulate him upon his induction as a member of the Society of Entrepreneurs, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.